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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,168,127 to Saylor (2001). This patent discloses an information display device which includes a pen tray and a larger rear tray for other desk articles. The device is to be mounted atop a computer monitor. A weekly calendar is displayed at the front of the device

2. U.S. Patent No. 5,948,498 to Bianco (1999). This patent discloses a message board to be vertically mounted. The message board shows a monthly calendar retained adjacent to various trays and compartments, which hold adhesive note pads, pens and the like.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,154,498 to Slater (1992). This patent discloses a desk “secretary” containing various trays for retaining desk implements. The device includes an upright head portion and a note-writing surface 27. The head portion receives and supports calendar cards 14 (Fig. 1).
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,123,191 to Kim (1992). This patent discloses a wall or desk calendar display panel that has a transparent cover 15 and a back pocket 30 (Fig. 3). A calendar pad is inserted up into a top pocket 16 (Fig. 5). The top pocket 16 is apparently transparent (Fig. 2) and would not hide a wire binding of the calendar.
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,022,170 to House (1991). This patent discloses an information display pad (see Fig. 7). The pad includes a tray 214 for storing paperclips, pencils or adhesive note pads (col. 7, lines 42-46). The desk pad comprises a head portion 204 and an information display portion 202. The information display portion retains sheet material containing imprinted information (col. 3, lines 25-35), such as a calendar 238 (Fig. 9).
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,768,298 to Polhemus (1988). This patent discloses a series of interlocking tray and compartment units which accommodate Rolodex cards, note pads, a desk calendar, tape, and articles. As shown in Fig. 1B, a compartment holding a note pad 24 is interlocked with a desk calendar.
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,570,793 to O’Neil (1986). This patent discloses a modular desk console system of tray and compartment pieces. The console can be rearranged to the user's liking.
8. U.S. Patent No. 4,362,248 to Vilanova (1982). This patent discloses a desk pad (may also mount on wall) containing various pigeon holes and compartments. The pad includes pockets 12 for receiving calendar cards 13 and a calendar 15 (Fig. 1).
9. U.S. Patent No. 4,176,743 to Fitzpatrick (1979). This patent discloses a desktop organizer containing various trays, compartments and stations. Organizer includes a provision for a daily desk calendar 14.

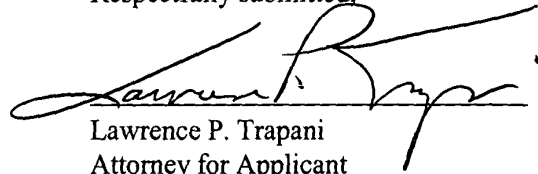
10. U.S. Patent No. 1,528,400 to Busch (1925). This patent discloses a desk blotter that folds open to reveal a calendar and other indicia. The blotter includes a head portion or top margin for advertising purposes.

The references discussed above neither disclose nor suggest the inventive aspects of the invention claimed in the instant application. It is respectfully submitted that this application differentiates over the above and that the application is in condition for examination and early allowance.

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